

RESOLUTION NO. 2008 -07-01

A RESOLUTION OF FLORIDA'S HEARTLAND REDI, INC., AND FLORIDA'S FRESHWATER FRONTIER REGARDING THE PROCUREMENT OF ASSETS OF U.S. SUGAR COMPANY BY THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Florida South Central Rural Area of Economic Concern (RACEC) includes Glades County, Hendry County, Okeechobee County, Hardee County, DeSoto County, Highlands County (including the cities, towns and communities within each) and the communities of Belle Glade, Pahokee, South Bay and Immokalee; and

WHEREAS, the FHREDI and FFF board of Directors (hereinafter the 'Board') recognizes that the procurement of assets of U.S. Sugar Corporation could have a negative impact of the economy within Glades County, Hendry County and other communities within the region; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that information needs to be made available by State of Florida agencies as quickly as possible, to the community and its leadership within this affected region; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports that the communities and their leadership be represented in and made a part of the planning process of this event and that regularly scheduled informational meetings be conducted; and

WHEREAS, surplus property not needed by South Florida Water Management District should and must be returned to the agricultural community for production to avoid unintended consequences; and

WHEREAS, economic development initiatives must begin now to be ready for the potential loss of jobs created as a resulted of this event; and

This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by a majority of the Board of Directors of the corporation on this 21 day of July, 2008.

Board members present at the meeting _____

Board members voting for resolution _____

Board members voting against the resolution _____

Board members abstaining _____

Florida's Heartland REDI, Inc. and Florida's Freshwater Frontier, Inc.

By: _____

K.S. "Butch" Jones, Chairman

ATTEST:

_____ Andrew Jackson, Secretary